

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

3% WITHHOLDING REPEAL AND JOB CREATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 674, a bill that repeals the Internal Revenue Code provision requiring federal, state, and local governments to withhold 3 percent on payments made to government contractors.

This is an onerous requirement that I have been working with my bipartisan colleagues to repeal.

I have heard from a number of government contractors who have told me that the problem for them include:

Most construction contracts average less than 3 percent profit.

Tightened cash flow will restrict bonding capacity.

Enforcement of current laws would ensure tax obligations are met.

The law places an undue burden on S Corps and joint ventures.

It is widely believed that this is misguided public policy.

I am pleased that we are working together to repeal this burden and help American businesses during tough economic times.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF RETIREMENT OF MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT STEPHEN A. GOULD, USMCR

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the career of Master Gunnery Sergeant Stephen A. Gould as he retires from the United States Marine Corps Reserves.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Gould retires from the United States Marine Corps Reserves on 1 November 2011, with over 30 years of service. He has served as a Rifleman, a Reconnaissance Man, an Infantry Unit Leader and an Intelligence Analyst. During his career he has served in multiple countries in the Americas, Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Gould enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on 21 Oct 1981 and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA. After completing Infantry Training School at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA, and Amphibious Reconnaissance Course at the Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, CA, Private First Class Gould was assigned to Det. Fourth Force Reconnaissance Company, Reno, NV.

In 1989 Sergeant Gould reported for duty as an Assistant Project Non-Commissioned Officer, for unmanned aerial vehicles at the Naval Air Systems Command, where he assisted in the coordination for the initial delivery, testing and fielding of the Pioneer unmanned aerial vehicle.

In 1991 Sergeant Gould was assigned as Assistant Project Non-Commissioned Officer for Combat Diving, at the Marine Corps Systems Command, Quantico, VA. During this assignment he assisted in the procurement of combat diving equipment and raiding craft, and the authoring of the Marine Corps' technical instruction covering the operations of Marine Corps Diving Facilities.

In 1993 Sergeant Gould was assigned to 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Infantry Regiment as the Intelligence Chief.

In 1997 Staff Sergeant Gould received orders to the Defense Intelligence Agency as a student in the Joint Military Intelligence College's Post Graduate Intelligence Program—Reserve. In August 1999 Gunnery Sergeant Gould became the first Marine Corps Non-Commissioned Officer to complete the Post Graduate Intelligence Program—Reserve. Upon graduation Gunnery Sergeant Gould was assigned to the National Military Joint Intelligence Center, J2, Joint Staff, as an Asia Pacific Desk Officer. During this assignment he provided notable support to the recovery plan of a U.S. Navy EP-3 reconnaissance airplane after a collision with a Chinese fighter and forced emergency landing at the Chinese island of Hainan.

On September 12, 2001, Gunnery Sergeant Gould reported for duty to support the J2, Joint Staff following the September 11th attacks. He was then ordered back to the Pentagon to serve on the Central Asia Crisis Team (subsequently Noble Eagle Task Force).

In October 2003 Gunnery Sergeant Gould was detached from the J2, Joint Staff and ordered to Iraq to serve with the Iraq Survey Group in the billets of Tactical Human Intelligence Officer, Human Intelligence Operations Officer and Collection Manager. During this tour he was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Upon his return from Iraq in late-2004, Gunnery Sergeant Gould was assigned to the Naval and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center, Virginia Beach, VA, where he taught in both the Counter Intelligence/Human Intelligence and mid-career Marine Officer's Intelligence Course.

In March of 2006, Master Sergeant Gould was transferred to Intelligence Department, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps. During this assignment he performed duties of a senior Pacific Command and European Command analyst. He contributed to numerous analytical products on regional issues for senior Marine Corps and Navy leadership.

In March of 2010, Master Gunnery Sergeant Gould was assigned to the faculty of the National Intelligence University, Defense Intelligence Agency, teaching in the Masters of Science in Strategic Intelligence—Reserve

program. His assignment at the National Intelligence University ends upon his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF MAJOR GENERAL ANTHONY L. JACKSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the military service of Major General Anthony L. Jackson on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Marine Corps. I commend Major General Jackson's career and offer my sincerest thanks for his 36 years of dedicated service in protecting our nation.

Beginning his military career in 1975, Major General Jackson enlisted in Officer Candidate School and graduated in June of 1976, where he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. This was the start to a long and admirable career in the United States Marine Corps.

Major General Jackson retires from his post as the Commanding General of Marine Corps Installations West (MCIWEST), located aboard Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton. As Commanding General, Major General Jackson oversees seven bases with stations occupying over 160,000 acres throughout California, Nevada, and Arizona. Entrusted with a command of nearly 10,000 Marines, Sailors and civilians, Major General Jackson utilized the Corps resources to provide continuous, uninterrupted service support, in a time of war, to over 60,000 Marines and Sailors belonging to the First Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF). Additionally, he oversaw tenant organizations and commands belonging to Logistics Command and the Training and Education Command.

Major General Jackson artfully led his Headquarters Staff and utilized limited resources to address the most meaningful challenges confronting the operating forces, tenant commands and their dependants. His actions provided added value in the overall strategic war on terror, while simultaneously preserving land and air boundaries; confronting encroachment initiatives; enhancing training capability; and building a generous rapport with local, county and statewide officials.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit Medal (w/two gold stars for second and third award), the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (w/two gold stars), the Navy Commendation Medal (w/one gold star), the Navy Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (w/bronze star) Iraqi Campaign Medal (w/two bronze stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment

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Ribbon (w/silver and bronze star), Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon (w/bronze star), and the Marine Corps Drill Instructor Ribbon.

These recognitions are a true testament, among other things, of Major General Jackson's great dedication, leadership and commitment to our country.

I offer Major General Jackson my warmest congratulations and hope he enjoys a rich and rewarding retirement with his wife Susan and his two children, Brian and Blaine.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in recognizing the distinguished career of Major General Anthony L. Jackson.

IN RECOGNITION OF RICHARD
HAWTHORNE

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest respect that I rise today to recognize my good friend, Richard Hawthorne, in the event of his retirement as Police Chief for the City of Atwater.

Richard was raised in the community of Atwater. He graduated from Atwater High School and received his Associates of Arts degree from Merced College. Richard earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Fresno Pacific University. However disregarding his education achievements, he always says that his most important accomplishments are his marriage to his beautiful wife Debbie for 33 years and the welcoming of his two beautiful daughters to the world, Lyndsay and Amanda.

Richard began his law enforcement career in 1976 as Deputy Sheriff for Merced County. He remained with the Merced County Sheriff Department until 1979 when he was hired on as a Police Officer with the City of Atwater. He worked his way through the ranks until he was promoted to Chief of Police in 2003. He served selflessly until his retirement on October 1, 2011. Richard is a man that loved his job and the men and women that worked for him. A great example of his dedication to his officers is the reasoning behind his retirement. He is retiring early so that there is additional money in the budget to keep more patrol officers in their jobs during this difficult economic time. This is just one example how Richard is always putting others in front of him.

Richard takes an active role in his local community in addition to his commitments as Police Chief. Richard is also dedicated to future members of law enforcement, as he is also a part-time Criminal Justice Instructor at Merced College. He is a member and Past President of the Atwater Rotary Club, Board Member of the Atwater Police Activities League, Chairman of the Drug and Alcohol Committee of Merced County, President of ACAUSE (Atwater Community Advocates United for a Safe Environment), Member of the Atwater Police Officers Association, California Chiefs of Police Association, Merced Area Crime Stoppers, National Chief's Police Association and the Nationwide "Invest in Kids" Coalition.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring my good friend, Mr. Richard Hawthorne, for his leadership, dedication, and

outstanding service to our community and the Atwater Police Department.

HONORING SEATTLE 826

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Seattle 826, a recipient of the 2011 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award.

Seattle 826 is a nonprofit writing and tutoring center dedicated to helping youth improve their creative and expository writing skills and to helping teachers inspire their students to write. Through after-school and in-school programs, writing workshops, and field trips, Seattle 826 and 300 volunteers have reached over 2,000 students in the past year. The organization has even helped some students publish their writing, giving them invaluable experience and confidence for the future.

I am proud that Seattle 826 is located in my District, the Seventh Congressional District of Washington. Since Teri Hein first started the organization in 2004, its contribution to the community has been essential, and the benefit to youth has been tremendous.

The National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award is the Nation's highest honor for out-of-school arts and humanities programs that celebrate the creativity of America's young people, particularly those from underserved communities. I am pleased that Seattle 826's work has been recognized by the President and First Lady with this prestigious award.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VFW POST 1308 IN
ALTON, ILLINOIS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 75th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1308 in Alton, Illinois.

VFW Post 1308 was founded during the Great Depression, at a time when our nation's economic situation only served to aggravate the needs of veterans, many of whom had served with honor during the First World War. Veterans who sustained injuries while on active duty were at a greater disadvantage as medical bills continued and their ability to find work was compromised.

From its founding, 75 years ago, Post 1308 has continually grown until it now lists 1,263 members, making it the largest VFW post in the State of Illinois. In addition to serving and advocating for our area's veterans, Post 1308 has also shown concern for the needs of their community, especially for its young people. Their democracy and patriot pens programs are examples of the educational programs Post 1308 conducts to foster patriotic and civic awareness among area students. They have also shown tremendous support to area organizations, ranging from Special Olympics to the March of Dimes.

Through the years, Post 1308 has developed a number of programs to meet the many and diverse needs of veterans. They visit veterans in hospitals and nursing homes, conduct annual clothing drives to benefit homeless veterans, provide financial assistance to veterans in times of economic hardship and provide no-cost military funeral rites (over 100 per year) for honorably discharged veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of VFW Post 1308, both past and present, on 75 years of serving veterans and the people of the Alton, Illinois, area and to wish them many continued years of service in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
HONORABLE JONATHAN BING

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Honorable Jonathan Bing, an outstanding public servant and my good friend. The Special Deputy Superintendent of the New York State Department of Financial Services and a revered and respected former Member of the New York State Assembly who represented Manhattan's East Side for nearly a decade, Mr. Bing is being honored this month at a special dinner hosted by Manhattan Community Board 6 and its officers and members.

Jonathan Bing was appointed to the executive branch of New York State government by Governor Andrew Cuomo earlier this year. The Governor's elevation of Mr. Bing is an apt reflection of Mr. Bing's distinguished record as a remarkably effective State legislator representing New York's 73rd Assembly District. As an elected official, Mr. Bing distinguished himself as a dynamic and forceful leader and advocate for New York City. A resident of Manhattan's East Side for over two decades, Mr. Bing has devoted himself in service to others throughout his career.

During his service in the New York State Assembly, Mr. Bing was a prolific and accomplished legislator, authoring and securing passage of 36 bills that were signed into law. Among his signal legislative achievements are: New York State's no-fault divorce law; a law extending the statute of limitations for workers' compensation claims made by 9/11 rescue and recovery workers, allowing countless American heroes to receive the benefits that they deserve; a law enhancing criminal and civil penalties against those who would falsify construction records or illegally assist people with government licensing examinations, a measure he introduced following the East Side crane collapse in 2008; and the 2010 adoption of the UPMIFA statute providing cultural and higher education institutions more flexibility in managing their endowments and assets.

Earlier this year, Mr. Bing accepted a gubernatorial appointment to serve as the Special Deputy Superintendent of the New York Department of Financial Services' Liquidation Bureau, serving as that agency's chief executive officer. In that capacity, he oversees the Bureau's effort to safeguard the interests of customers holding policies issued by insurance companies that became insolvent. Though his

agency receives no taxpayer funding, it employs 260 individuals as it fulfills its important mission.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the New York University School of Law, Mr. Bing served as a clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Bruce Van Sickle, and authored an award-winning legal article on protecting mentally retarded defendants from the death penalty. Prior to his election to office, he was an accomplished attorney in private practice in Manhattan. After the terrorist attacks of 9/11, he was named New York Coordinator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency/American Bar Association's Disaster Legal Services program, where he oversaw more than 250 attorneys providing free, comprehensive legal assistance to those affected by the attacks. Mr. Bing is a proud resident of Manhattan's Turtle Bay neighborhood where he lives with his wife, Meredith Ballew, an executive at the Vanderbilt YMCA in Turtle Bay, and their daughter, Charlotte.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me recognizing the enormous contributions to our civic and political life made by Jonathan Bing, an extraordinarily distinguished and effective public servant.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Friday, October 14, 2011. Had I registered my vote, I would have voted:

(1) Yea on rollcall 794, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Waxman of California Amendment

(2) Yea on rollcall 795, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Markey of Massachusetts Amendment

(3) Yea on rollcall 796, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Markey of Massachusetts Amendment

(4) Yea on rollcall 797, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Rush of Illinois Amendment

(5) Yea on rollcall 798, On Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 2273—Jackson Lee of Texas Amendment

(6) Yea on rollcall 799, On Motion to Re-commit with Instructions, To amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to facilitate recovery and beneficial use, and provide for the proper management and disposal, of materials generated by the combustion of coal and other fossil fuels

(7) Nay on rollcall 800, On Passage, To amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to facilitate recovery and beneficial use, and provide for the proper management and disposal, of materials generated by the combustion of coal and other fossil fuels

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EMPIRE COLLEGE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of Empire College in Santa Rosa, California. Founded in 1961 to serve the secretarial and bookkeeping needs of the local business community, Empire College has grown into an important contributor to professional education in the North Bay, and an asset in Sonoma County's development into a prosperous and economically diverse region.

Empire College was founded first as a business school, training staff to meet ongoing shortages in skilled office professionals. Founder Henry Trione, the Santa Rosa businessman and philanthropist, envisioned a college providing practical learning for the greater benefit of the local community. Since then, Empire College has expanded into new areas as the needs of our region have diversified. It now has programs in accounting, information technology, tourism and hospitality, and office administration. It also offers the North Bay's first and only law program leading to a Juris Doctor, which is responsible for almost a quarter of the members of the Sonoma County Bar Association, as well as several judges in Sonoma and other northern California counties.

In both its Business and Law Schools, Empire College has made its reputation as a private institution uniquely committed to the public good. Empire College students support our community in public law clinics for elders, immigrants, and individual with disabilities. They put on events and fundraisers for local nonprofits, including the California Parenting Institute, Legal Aid of Sonoma County, and the Children's Village of Sonoma County. In countless ways, we have benefitted from the presence of Empire College not only as a center of learning and professional development, but as a model of engagement and community service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Empire College. Henry Trione is to be commended for the impressive legacy he has bestowed upon our County, and which the College's long-time executives, Sherie and Roy Hurd, have nurtured over the years. We are privileged to be served by an institution that remains so dedicated to serving Sonoma County and its people.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOE CONNOLLY OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Joe Connolly for his distinguished service to the Land-of-Sky Regional Council Area Agency on Aging and Western North Carolina.

Since 2008, Mr. Connolly had been a true fighter, undergoing three instances of brain tu-

mors in a span of three brief years. A husband, father of two, and grandfather of two, he passed away peacefully on May 31, 2011. He had served the aging community of Western North Carolina for the past nineteen years, as director of the Land-of-Sky Regional Council Area Agency on Aging since 2006 and prior to that as director of the WNC AIDS Project and the WNC Alzheimer's Association, and as a member on the boards of numerous community agencies. His service truly encompassed the spirit of giving, impacted many lives, and will not soon be forgotten.

Mr. Connolly was an inspiration to those around him, a man more concerned with providing care than receiving it. I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring Mr. Joe Connolly for the remarkable commitment he made to the people of Western North Carolina.

HONORING COLONEL LEON M. TANNENBAUM, USAF (RET.) FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have this opportunity to rise on the floor of the United States House of Representatives to pay tribute to an outstanding veteran and Connecticut native, Colonel Leon M. Tannenbaum, USAF (Ret.), for his exemplary service as a fighter pilot in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. Today, as he celebrates his 93rd birthday, I am proud to highlight one mission in particular which showcases the staggering courage and bravery Colonel Tannenbaum and his colleagues demonstrated during this tumultuous time in our nation's history.

Based at New Castle Army Air Base in Wilmington, Delaware, then 1st Lieutenant Leon Tannenbaum was a member of the 2nd Ferrying Group, Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command. A large part of their mission was the delivery of airplanes to the European Theatre. One of the most stirring performances of the 2nd Ferrying Group fliers occurred during the later part of July and first week of August, 1943. It was the unprecedented spanning of the treacherous North Atlantic route in the P-47, single-engine aircraft. While commonplace today, any trans-Atlantic flight in the World War II era was a heroic feat. In fact, as a comparison, today's routes between the United States and Europe can be made in mere hours, whereas this mission took twenty-one days to complete.

On July 23rd, 1943, ten P-47s left the Republic Factory in Farmingdale, New York and nine successfully reached their destination, Prestwick, Scotland. In addition to Colonel Tannenbaum, the pilots who undertook this mission included, Captain Barry M. Goldwater of Arizona; 1st Lieutenants Morgan C. Walker of Maryland, Gerald R. Keyser of Ohio, Charles E. Rigney of New Hampshire, Rowland B. Armacost, Bernard J. Jendrezewski, Junior F. Klein, Rozier C. Murphey; and 2nd Lieutenant Louis Brawer. Though 1st Lieutenant Armacost's plane crash landed in Greenland, the other nine miraculously overcame intense weather and maintenance factors to complete the mission.

As a point of fact, there were many missions involving trans-Atlantic aviation of twin-engine aircraft during World War II; and some that involved the successful completion of the flight in spite of the loss of one of the plane's engines. What makes Colonel Tannenbaum and these other nine pilots stand out is that this is the first, last, and only mission involving the single-engine P-47. Participation was voluntary and the inherent danger was obvious—lose your only engine over the North Atlantic and you would almost certainly perish with your plane. Yet each of these men, understanding the importance of the delivery to the war effort and demonstrating unique and incomparable bravery, chose to accept the mission. It is in this story of courage and valiance that we find the true definition of hero.

Today, Colonel Tannenbaum celebrates his 93rd birthday, marking a milestone achieved by few. As he reflects on his many contributions to his country and community, I am honored to have this opportunity to thank him, on behalf of a grateful nation, for his invaluable service and recognize the unique contribution he made during that fateful mission in 1943. His is a story that is sure to inspire generations to come and he has left a legacy of military service to which many will aspire.

HONORING LOU LORI ON HIS
ACHIEVEMENT OF THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and commend my constituent, Mr. Lou Lori, on his remarkable achievement of becoming an Eagle Scout. In this centennial year of the Eagle Scout Award, Mr. Lori has earned his place among a very prestigious group of young men. His tenacity and dedication to his community impresses me; such commitment deserves public recognition and appreciation because these qualities are critical to building a strong nation.

Mr. Lori's Eagle project involved collecting and donating nine thousand books from the now-closed Archbishop Quigley Preparatory Seminary. Mr. Lori identified local and national organizations—such as Chicago schools, the Cook County Sheriff's office, and a seminary in Dallas—in need of the books. Mr. Lori's original goal was to donate the books to aid programs for English language learners; given that the reading level of the books did not match program needs, Mr. Lori donated the books while still raising funds for programs for English language learners. So, in addition to donating nine thousand books, he raised over \$500 for programs benefiting those learning English.

Mr. Lori's project represents a well-conceived demonstration of the Scout values, particularly the duty to others. The coordination required for this project was daunting—organizing, identifying potential parties interested in, and transporting the books all involved an impressive amount of time and commitment. Putting old assets to new use is a hallmark of leadership and efficiency. Further, giving books delivers immeasurable value via the knowledge gained about oneself and the world

upon reading; this information is the key to opening many doors. It is a key that Mr. Lori has shared with so many. With his efforts and leadership, Mr. Lori delivered an essential ingredient to the growth and development of hundreds of readers.

I served as District Commissioner for the Austin District for the Boy Scouts for 13 years; I know becoming an Eagle Scout is an honor and a standard of excellence for young men across the country. I am proud to recognize Mr. Lori for the dedication, perseverance, and community involvement he demonstrated in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. I wish Mr. Lori all the best in his future endeavors. Chicago, Illinois, and the country will benefit tremendously from his continued commitment to the Scout Oath and Law for all the days of his life.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. RODNEY
P. HUNT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Rodney P. Hunt, the President and Chief Executive Officer of RPH Enterprise International and the founder of RS Information Systems, Inc. (RSIS), an extraordinarily successful business that became a leader in the fields of data technology, systems engineering, and telecommunications. Mr. Hunt has distinguished himself in the world of business and in his dedication to serving others. In recognition of his leadership and his commitment to supporting numerous worthwhile causes, I am pleased to join with members of the Euro-American Women's Council in honoring Mr. Hunt with its prestigious "Artemis Award" this month.

Rodney P. Hunt launched his career as an entrepreneur while still a teenager, and according to the periodical *Minority Business Entrepreneur*, he had earned his first million dollars at age 16. He co-founded RSIS almost two decades ago, and then successfully guided the firm through a period of uninterrupted expansion, realizing hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenues as it became a pre-eminent leader in information technology and government contracting. A majority owner of the company, by the time he sold it in 2008, its professional staff numbered around 2,000 persons and it held approximately 100 prime contracts with civilian and defense agencies of the federal government. Under his leadership, and in all his business endeavors, Mr. Hunt has fostered a culture of civic responsibility, encouraging his enterprises and employees to donate financial support and volunteer activity around the country to the communities in which they were based. It was his dedication to serving others that inspired him to establish the Rodney P. Hunt Family Foundation.

A strong believer in education, Mr. Hunt earned dual bachelor of science degrees in operations research and industrial engineering from Cornell and George Washington universities. He credits his beloved mother for inspiring his dedication to excelling in his studies, an inspiration that led him to establish a Rodney P. Hunt Family Foundation fellowship at his alma mater, Cornell University, and to support other worthwhile educational causes.

Mr. Hunt has distinguished himself as an accomplished leader in the world of business, a respected civic activist, and a dedicated and generous philanthropist who is unstinting in his efforts to serve others. I am proud to join in the EAWC ceremony honoring him this month.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my esteemed colleagues join me in paying tribute to Mr. Rodney P. Hunt for his significant and enduring contributions to the civic life of our nation.

COMMENDING MSGT. TODD
EIPPERLE

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Sergeant Todd Eipperle of Marshalltown, IA. On September 17, 2011, MSgt. Eipperle received the Bronze Star from the Army for outstanding service throughout his recent tour in Afghanistan. Among his numerous courageous acts, MSgt. Eipperle is credited with saving the lives of members of his team following an attack from a rogue security officer from the Afghan National Directorate of Security in July 2011. A proud member of the Iowa National Guard, MSgt. Eipperle was previously awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he received during this attack. MSgt. Eipperle exemplifies the best of our Iowa Guardsmen and the good work they did during their 2010–2011 deployment to Afghanistan.

In July of this year, only a week before he was scheduled to return home with the 2,800 other Iowa Guardsmen he'd deployed with, MSgt. Eipperle was wounded in the process of engaging a rogue Afghan security officer who had shot and killed two of his comrades, fellow Guardsman Sgt. 1st Class Terry Pasker of Cedar Rapids, IA and retired Connecticut State Trooper Paul Protzenko of Enfield, CT. Passing through a checkpoint in Panjshir province, the rogue Afghan officer unexpectedly fired at the Iowa Guardsmen. MSgt. Eipperle's quick action in engaging the attacker, despite sustaining gunshot wounds, is credited with saving a number of his colleagues and his own life.

MSgt. Eipperle is home once again, having received the Bronze Star in Marshalltown before members of his community, and being honored with a parade and town proclamation in his honor on September 20. While he's left the war, MSgt. Eipperle is still on active duty, recovering from the wounds he sustained in July. I commend MSgt. Eipperle on his heroism, for a job well done on deployment, and wish him well on his recovery.

RECOGNITION OF THE CALL AND
POST NEWSPAPER 95TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio, I am pleased to recognize the

award-winning Call & Post Newspaper in celebration of its 95th anniversary.

Since 1916, the Call & Post has served as an integral resource of influence and action for the community, advocating for equal rights as well as celebrating the rich African American culture and heritage.

The Call & Post was birthed into existence by inventor Garrett A. Morgan. The paper came into prominence under the direction of William Otis Walker, who served as publisher for nearly 50 years. The Call & Post continues its legacy of bringing stories and key issues to the attention of our community after nearly 95 years of service.

I commend Donald King, civil rights activist George Forbes, Associate Publisher Constance Harper and all employees of the Call & Post for their extreme passion and willingness to continue to fight for our rights through freedom of speech.

November 3, 2011, is a day of celebration for the Call & Post for 95 years of commitment to the African American community. Congratulations and may you have continued success in the future!

**BONNEVILLE COUNTY
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate Bonneville County on its 100th anniversary as an organized county in the great state of Idaho. Significant events over the past century have made for a colorful history, and this commemoration is a noteworthy event for both past and present residents of Bonneville County.

Bonneville County acquired its name from United States Army Captain B. L. E. Bonneville. He established a settlement in southeastern Idaho in the mid 1800s while exploring the Snake River area. On February 7, 1911, one hundred years ago, Bonneville County was born and that small establishment, known as Taylor's Crossing, then Eagle Rock, and now as Idaho Falls, became the heart of beautiful Bonneville County. Ammon, Iona, Irwin, Swan Valley, and Ucon are a few of the other towns located in this distinguished county.

A vast and naturally diverse landscape offering mountain ranges, the world-renowned South Fork of the Snake River, and national forests expanding to Idaho's border with Wyoming is home now to more than 104,000 people, making Bonneville County the fourth largest county in the state of Idaho. The county is also home to the Idaho National Laboratory and Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge and is a regional cultural destination where you may enjoy the Idaho Falls Symphony, the Museum of Idaho, the Colonial Theatre, and several art galleries.

The citizens of Bonneville County demonstrate unity and a sense of pride through their deeply sown roots. Traditions, a variety of dynamic organizations, both large and small farms, unique entrepreneurship opportunities, and a willingness to extend a helping hand within the community appropriately characterize this community and our Idaho lifestyle.

It is a privilege to represent Bonneville County and the people who structure its prominence.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In 1989, Congress designated October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in order to raise awareness about the tragic social ill that is domestic violence, and to help bring attention to the efforts of those who are working to end it. Today, victims of domestic violence in the United States are more likely to report their situation to the authorities than they were three decades ago, and the number of fatal and non-fatal cases of domestic violence has declined significantly. The efforts of nonprofit organizations, such as the YWCA Harmony House located in my Congressional district, have assisted millions of victims of domestic abuse in making the best possible choices for their life and well-being.

While the number of domestic violence cases has indeed declined in the last few years, there are still millions of people experiencing some type of domestic abuse each year in the United States. An overwhelming number of these victims are women, who in many cases suffer in silence instead of seeking help. Sadly, victims often completely isolate themselves out of fear and shame of their abuse.

Mr. Speaker, it is estimated that one in four women in the United States will experience domestic violence during their lifetime. Women between the ages of 20 to 24 are the largest group of non-fatal abuse victims, while women under 24 suffer from the highest rates of rape and sexual abuse. Furthermore, women living in households at the lowest income level experience six times the rate of domestic abuse.

Domestic violence, however, is by no means limited to any one group. Due to numerous factors, including social stigma, many male victims of domestic abuse tend to remain silent. In addition, domestic abuse occurs in approximately 30 to 40 percent of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) relationships, contrary to the misconception that domestic abuse only affects certain individuals.

Young children who live in homes where spousal abuse takes place are also often victims of abuse themselves. In fact, it is estimated that 30 to 60 percent of people who take part in domestic violence against their partners also abuse children in their household. Sadly, some of these children grow up to be abusers themselves.

In 1994, I voted in favor of the Violence Against Women Act, historic legislation that established new criminal and civil enforcement resources to hold abusers accountable for their actions, while introducing tools to help victims seek justice. Additionally, as part of the Affordable Care Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced new

guidelines that will ensure women receive preventive health services without additional cost, including domestic violence screening and counseling. Under the Affordable Care Act, insurance companies can no longer classify domestic violence as a pre-existing condition.

Last year, I also voted in favor of reauthorizing the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, which gives communities life-saving tools to help identify and treat child abuse or neglect. It also supports shelters, service programs, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline, providing victims with the critical resources they need.

Mr. Speaker, victims of domestic abuse should know that they are not alone. There are countless organizations all over this Nation who stand ready to help them. In Congress, I will continue to do everything in my power to speak out against domestic violence and ensure that our laws protect the well-being of all Americans.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE
HONORABLE C. VIRGINIA FIELDS**

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Honorable C. Virginia Fields, an outstanding public servant who served as Manhattan Borough President, a Member of the New York City Council, and Chair of Manhattan's Community Board 10 in Harlem. In recognition of her many contributions to the civic life of our nation's greatest city, and specifically toward preserving and improving the quality of healthcare provided at Harlem Hospital, she is being honored this month by its Auxiliary on the occasion of the Hospital's centennial celebration occurring this month at the Alhambra Ballroom in upper Manhattan.

After her election in 1997 as Borough President of Manhattan, C. Virginia Fields became the chief executive officer of New York County, whose population then numbered more than a million and a half residents and grew significantly during her eight-year tenure. She became the highest ranking African-American elected official in New York City municipal government and just the third woman to assume the Manhattan Borough presidency, following in the footsteps of two great and distinguished women leaders, Constance Baker Motley and Ruth Messinger.

As Borough President, Virginia Fields focused on housing and education issues while helping to meet her constituents' needs on a broad range of concerns. She established a Manhattan Parents Convention; offered an eloquent and forceful voice for improving hospital care for Manhattan residents, particularly those living in underserved communities; and helped create a more favorable environment for small business owners and workers. As Borough President, C. Virginia Fields also literally helped pave the way for the second Harlem Renaissance, providing new opportunities for residents, businesses, and tourists alike and spearheading the restoration of Frederick Douglass Boulevard, which she dubbed "the backbone of Harlem." Throughout her tenure as Borough President, in the City Council, and on the Community Board,

she championed public libraries and schools, job training programs, quality health care, services for senior citizens, the environment, public parks, cultural institutions, and economic development, securing tens of millions of dollars in funding in all of these critical spheres of urban life.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1946, C. Virginia Fields was the youngest of five children. Her mother was a seamstress who worked hard to support the family, particularly after her father, a steelworker, died when Virginia was just 12 years old. She developed her devotion to the pursuit of social justice in no small part thanks to the inspirational example of her mother, who was active in the local Baptist church where the late Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth, an associate of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. during the civil rights struggles of the 1950s and 1960s, served as pastor.

C. Virginia Fields earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at Knoxville College and a Masters of Social Work degree at Indiana University before beginning her professional career as a social worker. Today, she remains universally admired by the people of the Borough of Manhattan, a remarkable feat in one of the most diverse and high-pressured political environments anywhere in America. She has been a leader of uncommon grace, energy, and devotion to those she serves.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me recognizing the enormous contributions to our civic and political life made by C. Virginia Fields, who has worked tirelessly and diligently throughout her career on behalf of the people of New York City and our nation.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,993,709,044,140.78.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$4,355,283,297,846.98 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

MONTGOMERY INN 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 60th anniversary of one of Cincinnati's most treasured restaurants—Montgomery Inn.

In 1951, Ted and Matula Gregory purchased and renamed what was then a small bar in Montgomery, Ohio called McCabe's Inn. Known for her cooking, Matula would take dinner to her husband each night. One evening, Matula decided to test out a new recipe for

ribs and barbecue sauce on her husband. Little did she know that her new recipe would soon be world famous. As a result of her delicious new recipe, the bar was quickly transformed into a restaurant. As their restaurant grew, so too did the town of Montgomery. The rest, as they say, is history.

Over the last 60 years, Montgomery Inn has grown to become one of the country's most well-known independent restaurants. The ribs have also taken on a life of their own and garnered something of a celebrity status. They have been enjoyed by countless dignitaries, athletes, celebrities, and every President from Ford to Obama. Montgomery Inn is proud to call the late Bob Hope their greatest ambassador.

With Matula still at the helm, all four of the Gregory children—Tom, Dean, Vickie, and Terry—are involved in the business. Montgomery Inn has grown from one small restaurant to a thriving business with four locations total in both Ohio and Kentucky. They also sell their world famous barbecue sauce nationwide. After 60 years, Ted's legacy is still going strong.

Like most Cincinnatians, my family has a long tradition of dining at Montgomery Inn. My own father was fortunate enough to call Ted Gregory a friend, and my daughter and son-in-law celebrated their engagement at The Boat-house.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating Montgomery Inn on their 60th anniversary, and I'm sure the citizens of Cincinnati look forward to 60 more years of Montgomery Inn.

HONORING COLEMAN GUY TAYLOR

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Coleman Guy Taylor. Coleman is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 43, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Coleman has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Coleman has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Coleman has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Coleman organized and planned a remodeling project for one of the Children's Ministry rooms in King Hill Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Coleman Guy Taylor for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING MS. DIANA NEWTON,
CO-FOUNDER OF THE SILVER
STAR FAMILIES OF AMERICA

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor one of the 7th District of Missouri's most distinguished individuals, Diana Newton.

Diana has dedicated her life to serving those who serve our country. Growing up with a father and brother in the armed forces, she knows first-hand the sacrifices our troops and their families make every day to keep our country free.

One day, while speaking with a veteran's mother, Diana felt more should be done to recognize our combat veterans. She then decided to bring back the American tradition of Silver Star Service Banners.

Silver Star Service Banners, or hand-sewn silver stars on blue and red cloth, were popular during the First World War. Families of enlisted members would display the banners in the windows of their homes in recognition of their loved one's patriotism and sacrifice.

In 2004, Diana and her husband co-founded the Silver Star Families of America in the hopes of once again using the Silver Star Service Banners to honor the sacrifice of America's best and brightest. Thanks to Diana's hard work, the Silver Star Service Banner is again being presented to thousands of veterans across the country.

The Silver Star Families of America is now an esteemed board member of the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services and has delivered over \$2 million in donated materials to veterans throughout the United States. Diana's leadership has established the organization as a verifying organization with the Presidential Volunteer Awards Program, a testifying organization with the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, and a sponsor of the Silver Star Banner Day on May 1st of every year.

A model citizen, Diana has been nominated as a CNN Hero of the Year, decorated with the Daily Point of Light award, the Missouri National Guard's Conspicuous Award, and received the 2010 Commendation and Gold Presidential Volunteer Services awards from former President George W. Bush.

Americans should be proud to know that people like Diana honor those who have dedicated their lives to protecting our freedoms. I too am proud, and I am honored, to call her my fellow citizen and neighbor in the 7th Congressional District of Missouri.

HONORING CAPTAIN GAYLEN WHITE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Captain Gaylen White. Captain White retired on October 31, 2011 after 32 years with the City of Cameron Police Department.

Captain White has faithfully served the citizens of Cameron since 1979, joining the force

at the age of 23. Since then, he has advanced to oversee the Cameron Police Department Patrol Division, a role which has led him to have a direct influence on the daily lives of the citizens of Cameron. Thanks to Captain White and the officers serving under his command, Cameron continues to grow and be a safe and secure community in northwest Missouri. Captain White now joins his loving and supportive wife Phil in retirement and looks forward to spending more time with his family.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in honoring Captain Gaylen White for his accomplishments with the City of Cameron Police Department and for his efforts put forth in serving the citizens of Cameron, Missouri.

IN APPRECIATION OF STEVEN C.
BORELL

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Borell in recognition of the 22 years of service he has given as Director of the Alaska Miners Association.

An engineering master's graduate of Kansas State University, he began his career as a pit foreman in North Dakota, quickly rising up through the ranks of his profession, eventually starting his own engineering consulting company in Anchorage, Alaska.

He began his role as Director of the Alaska Miners Association (AMA) in 1989. Founded in 1939, the Alaska Miners Association has about 1,000 members throughout Alaska and elsewhere, and exists primarily to support the mining industry and all those who work with and within it.

Through his leadership of the AMA he has unified the industry behind simple and consistent support of the responsible and safe development of minerals, doing his utmost to advocate for the mining industry in difficult economic times and in the face of staunch opposition to progress in this sector.

The mining industry brings a host of benefits to both the State of Alaska and the Nation as a whole. The jobs it creates, the economic and infrastructural development it yields, and the energy security it maintains are some of the most pressing issues facing Americans today. It is these issues that the mining industry and the AMA have always sought to address.

In doing this the AMA has sought to ensure that any restrictions on the use of land and water for infrastructural and energy development are firmly scientifically sound and economically realistic. All modern mining must address the balance between environmentalism and resource utilization—the two need not be mutually exclusive. In recognizing this, Steve has truly helped bring mining into the 21st century.

Steve has been a great Director of the AMA, unifying the industry around common goals and aims, serving the best interests of the working men who make up the ranks of the Association, and last, but not least, his tireless effort to be the voice of a whole new generation of miners.

Thanks for everything, Steve.

WHITE CASTLE'S 90TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate White Castle on its 90th Anniversary. White Castle is considered America's first fast-food hamburger chain and owns and operates more than 400 restaurants in 11 states.

White Castle was founded in 1921 in Wichita, Kansas by Walter A. Anderson and Edgar Waldo "Billy" Ingram. In 1933, the company moved its headquarters to Columbus, Ohio where they continue to be an integral part of the community.

White Castle is known for its small, square hamburgers called "sliders." With these tasty little burgers as their mainstay item, White Castle became the first hamburger chain to sell a million hamburgers and, later, the first chain to sell a billion hamburgers. Additionally, White Castle "sliders" have been sold in the frozen foods section of grocery stores nationwide since 1987 and have been available in vending machines since 1993.

Today, White Castle remains a family-run business having been lead by three generations of the Ingram Family. Their unique porcelain steel buildings are an icon in many neighborhoods across the Midwest.

White Castle is truly an American original and is inspiring because it is a story about the success of the American Dream. I am grateful to White Castle for being a pioneer and innovator of the fast-food industry. I congratulate White Castle and its owners and team members on their 90th Anniversary and on having provided what America craves for 90 years.

HONORING ALEX ABEND

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alex Abend. Alex is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1360, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Alex has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alex Abend for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE ROTARY/KIWANIS
CALDWELL STREET FAIR

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of the Rotary Club of the Caldwells and the Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex, located in Essex County, New Jersey as they celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Rotary/Kiwanis Street Fair.

In 1991, the Rotary Club of the Caldwells and the Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex decided to join forces to organize a street fair in Caldwell, New Jersey to bring the communities together and show off all that the area had to offer. Welcoming vendors and organizations of every kind, the fair has recently celebrated its 20th year.

The first Sunday of every October brings a great hustle and bustle to downtown Caldwell. It is on this day, for the past twenty years, that two great community organizations come together to bring local organizations, vendors and fun to the area. Over the years, the fair has continued to grow and now consistently brings in 30,000 people; offering these vendors and organizations the chance to interact, not only with the residents of the Caldwells, but with residents from the surrounding communities.

Run by dedicated volunteers, the Rotary/Kiwanis Street Fair provides an opportunity for local businesses to "show off" their products; for organizations to share what they do and recruit new members; but most importantly, it brings local community members together to enjoy one another's company and have a good time!

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the the Rotary Club of the Caldwells and the Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex for continually bringing this wonderful event to the Caldwell community.

HONORING REID F. SCHMIDLING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Reid F. Schmidling. Reid is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 216, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Reid has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Reid has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Reid has earned 51 merit badges, attained the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say as well as Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Troop guide with Troop 216, and participated in many other outside activities including chess club, hockey, golf, choir and violin. Reid has also contributed to his community through

his Eagle Scout project. Reid organized and installed an 1860's flagpole and fence around the Pony School at the Pony Express Museum in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join Reid's parents, Dale and Candise, his family and friends and I in commending Reid F. Schmidling for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL J.
WALSH, COMMANDER, MIS-
SISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION, U.S.
ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, Major General Michael J. Walsh assumed command of Mississippi Valley Division in February, 2008. Since that time, he has played a vital role in managing the Corps' water resources program in the Mississippi River Valley, a \$7.5 billion civil works program. GEN Walsh also served simultaneously as President-designee of the Mississippi River Commission, which oversees and implements the Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T) project.

The MR&T project was authorized through the Flood Control Act of 1928 and is the largest flood control project in the world stretching from Cairo, Illinois to the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet. The MR&T was conceived in response to the Great Mississippi Flood of 1927, the most destructive flood in U.S. history, which claimed countless lives and flooded thousands of square miles.

The recent floods of the Mississippi tested the MR&T project to its fullest. The Mississippi River reached and surpassed record levels in Vicksburg and Natchez, Mississippi. For the first time in 37 years, the Morganza Spillway was opened to save most of Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Louisiana. Thankfully, through GEN Walsh's leadership, billions of dollars in flood damage and most importantly lives were saved. Upon reflection, GEN Walsh exhibited the type of control, understanding, and skill that effectively battled a flood that could have devastated the Mississippi River Region. While there is much to rebuild and the loss of life that did occur must be mourned, we must congratulate GEN Walsh and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on a job well done. We wish you well in your future endeavors and look forward to working with you in your new capacity.

EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deepest condolences and solidarity with the people of Turkey in the aftermath of the devastating 7.2 earthquake which struck eastern Turkey early this week. Cen-

tered in the Eris district of Van, it triggered the collapse of approximately 2,000 buildings, leaving in its wake a death toll in the hundreds that is unfortunately bound to rise over the next several days and weeks.

The latest reports indicate that there has been some difficulty in delivering relief to those who so desperately need it, due to conditions on the ground. With the first snows of the area usually falling in November, there could be many more deaths as a result of exposure, as structural damage and aftershocks keep people from returning to their homes.

As a member of the Congressional Caucus on Turkey and Turkish Americans, I am thankful for the Administration's offer to provide assistance to the Turkish government in its relief efforts. I encourage the U.S. government and the international community to continue to be vigilant on ways they can help recovery efforts in Turkey.

When faced with a wide array of challenges over the decades, from the Korean War to our current mission in Afghanistan, Turkey has been a valuable friend and ally. In the wake of such destruction and hardship, the U.S. reaffirms its solidarity with Turkey.

My thoughts and prayers are with the people of Turkey at this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
CARMEN GALVAN

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to pay tribute to a beloved friend and community member and a longtime resident of Rialto, Carmen Haro Galvan. Carmen passed away September 7, 2011 at the age of 79. A memorial mass and a burial service were held on September 15, 2011. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Carmen was born to Demetri Haro and Ruth Valdivia. She was born and raised in Ontario, California, and was the eldest of twelve siblings. From an early age Carmen was known for her grace, beauty, and capacity to love.

She married David Galvan in 1953. They settled and raised a family in Rialto. The Galvans lived in the city for fifty years and were active members of St. Catherine's Church.

Both Carmen and David shared a love for music. They enjoyed singing and dancing together—the two frequented Rainbow Gardens, a dance hall in Pomona, and even competed in dancing competitions in Los Angeles.

Their daughter, Debby Galvan, remembers that they danced like Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, moving like butterflies on the floor. The two loved music, loved their family, and loved each other.

It was obvious how deeply the couple loved each other. Debby says, "They lived and breathed each other." David could often be overheard singing 'Muchacha Bonita' to Carmen. The couple had three children, Debby, Jeff, and Randy, and seven beloved grandchildren. Carmen will always be remembered for her big heart and love for her family and friends.

May we all be so lucky to live a life full of love. My thoughts and prayers, along with

those of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Councilman Joe Baca Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer are with Carmen's family at this time. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring a cherished community member, Carmen Galvan.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL GEAR UP
WEEK

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the great GEAR UP Week celebrations that occurred across the country last week. GEAR UP, the Nation's most successful early college awareness and readiness program, is now in its twelfth year. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing all of the great program staff, students, families and organizational partners who have helped to make GEAR UP the success it is today.

GEAR UP Week was celebrated with great fanfare last week as students and communities recommitted themselves to higher education and greater opportunity. In West Virginia, the governor and first lady honored students individually, and the program read a proclamation from the governor. In Connecticut, they held a celebration rally. In North Carolina, they read a proclamation from the governor, had a Family College Night and held a writing workshop. In Puerto Rico, students posted on a Dreams Wall and in Deep South Texas they hosted a press conference and celebration with alumni and my good friend and GEAR UP champion Congressman HINOJOSA. In American Samoa, they made commemorative YouTube videos about their programs and the opportunities available to students. Just over the DC border, in Prince George's County, Maryland, they hosted parent workshops and sent an oversized "thank you" to their representatives in the Congress. In Arizona, they reached out to their Congressional delegation as did Laramie County, Wyoming GEAR UP students. In Virginia, the GEAR UP staff reached out to local media to share their success and schools hosted assemblies. In California, the students thanked their Members of Congress for supporting GEAR UP and the program brought the story of college-going to the radio. Roswell GEAR UP in eastern New Mexico spread the word about their programs and publically thanked their partners. In Chicago, 14 former GEAR UP students shared their experience in transitioning to college, the partnership hosted a college fair and teachers participated in a Young Adult Literacy Conference. In Nevada the governor proclaimed GEAR UP Week. Wisconsin GEAR UP students visited college campuses and attended workshops. Mansfield hosted "GEAR UP Family Orientation Night," and in Eastern Michigan GEAR UP hosted a "Legacy of Success." Shasta County Partnership and UC Davis Partnership in California hosted a GEAR UP celebration with community leaders, educators, public officials and business partners. Oregon engaged more than 1,000 people online in support of GEAR UP and Texas GEAR UP hosted a statewide essay contest and pep rallies at GEAR UP high schools. Palomar College GEAR UP read

proclamations from school boards, city mayors, Members of Congress, and state legislators and in Maine they read a proclamation from the governor.

I want to thank all of the people who worked to make GEAR UP Week a success and everyone who strives to see that college is more than a dream for our Nation's young people.

REGARDING VOTER SUPPRESSION
SPECIAL ORDER

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against voter suppression that is happening in my district and throughout states all across the country. With the presidential elections just one year away on Sunday, it is critical that we bring to light this most important issue that is disenfranchising eligible voters of select ages and backgrounds.

The right to vote is one of the fundamental pillars of any functioning democracy. In the United States, we use voting as a means for the people to select their elected officials at all levels of representation. This fact, I believe, is a basic lesson that we have all learned in civics class back in elementary school. Yet, recently I have begun to think that some of our Republican leaders in government have forgotten this simple truth—or worse, have

chosen to ignore these basic tenets of American democracy.

Under the guise that it will strengthen the integrity of our elections, a number of state legislatures have already taken extraordinary steps to exclude the elderly, our youth, minorities, and the poor from getting to the polls and casting their ballot through a series of regressive voting laws. It is no surprise that since there was an unprecedented turnout from all of these groups during the 2008 presidential election that state governments are only now mobilizing to overhaul these laws.

Nationally, these anti-voting laws are materializing in the form of stringent photo ID mandates, inflated proof of citizenship requirements, more difficult voter registration, reduced early and absentee days, and heightened barriers to reentry for citizens with past felony convictions. Seven states have already signed photo ID mandates into law, while the other provisions are already enacted or being considered by many more.

In Texas, we have already seen strict voter ID laws passed in the State Legislature this year. This law, which requires each voter to present a valid government-issued ID regardless if they possess a voter registration card and are listed among the voting roles, targets and prevents students, the elderly and the poor from exercising their right to vote. Additional restrictions on voter registration drives have also been signed into state law in order to further prevent minorities and others from registering in the first place. According to the Brennan Center for Justice, more than 26,000 voters in Texas registered to vote via registration drives in 2008 alone. That's at least an-

other 26,000 voters that we can expect to become disenfranchised this election cycle with the passage of these laws.

These kinds of devious tactics have been used far too many times before—and the problem is only getting worse. I cannot help but be reminded of the days of Jim Crow, where arbitrary literacy tests and unfounded poll taxes were implemented in order to prevent African Americans from casting their vote. These kinds of intentional barriers to democracy are why the Fifteenth, Nineteenth, Twenty-fourth, and Twenty-sixth Amendments are needed. It is why the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is needed. It is why the Supreme Court has even had to intervene with a ruling on poll taxes in *Harper V. Virginia Board of Education*.

Yet here we find ourselves again battling the same problem with a different disguise. I refuse to accept that these laws seek to address existing weaknesses in our election system. In fact, these laws do nothing to address the kinds of fraud that were exposed during previous elections, such as the purging of entire voter rolls or intentionally long wait times during early voting.

Mr. Speaker, these blatant attempts to disenfranchise select groups of voters are not consistent with the democracy that most of us envision for this country. I must therefore oppose any attempts by anyone to enact and enforce these malicious and dishonest statutes. Adopting such regressive and blatantly lopsided voter mandates is a massive step in the wrong direction that serves the interests of a select few over the demands of the majority.